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The **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** condemned the murder.

"Governor Taseer had been courageous in his criticism of Pakistan's flawed blasphemy law, comments which ultimately may have cost him his life," USCIRF chairman Leonard Leo said in a Jan. 4 press statement. "His murder sadly demonstrates how the blasphemy law has fueled a culture of impunity that threatens both Muslims and members of minority religious communities. We urge Pakistan to eliminate its blasphemy law, which impedes freedom of religion and belief and can only weaken its internal security and stability. And, we urge the authorities to bring the attacker to justice."